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SUBJECT: MALIAN PASSPORTS

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1. EMBASSY JUST INFORMED BY GOM THAT MALIAN PASSPORT STOCK NOW COMPLETELY DEPLETED. SITUATION BECOMING MORE CRITICAL WITH IMPENDING PASSPORT DEMAND FOR APPROACHING PILGRIMAGE PERIOD. MATTER HAS NOW REACHED LEVEL HIGH CMLN CONCERN.

2. REQUEST DEPT DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO EXPEDITE DELIVERY OF 500 BOOKS VIA AIR POUCH. IN ADDITION, 5,000 BOOKS TO MALIAN EMBASSY WASHDC FOR AIR SHIPMENT AS JUST ARRANGED BY MALIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY. THESE 5,500 URGENTLY NEEDED.

3. WHILE FINAL PAYMENT NOW WINDING THROUGH GOM BUREAUCRACY, EMBASSY HAS BEEN ASSURED AT HIGHEST LEVELS THAT FINAL PAYMENT WILL BE MADE. IN ADDITION, GOM HAS ALREADY PAID FOR OVER 50,000 PASSPORTS AND BELIEVES THEY HAVE RIGHT EXPECT PRIORITY DELIVERY AT LEAST 5,500 BOOKS.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING BY SEPTEMBER 12 THE ETA BAMAko OF AIR POUCH SHIPMENT SO EMBASSY MAY ADVISE GOM.
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